

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1-9 (Canceled).

Claim 10 (New): A process for producing a colored, oriented strand board comprising:

contacting the wood strands which serve as a base material for at least one of the three layers of the oriented strand board with a liquid colorant preparation which comprises at least one pigment and at least one dye;  
resinating and forming said wood strands into a three-layered mat; and  
hot-pressing said three-layered mat into said colored, oriented strand board comprising a center layer and two outside layers, wherein said wood strands serve as a base material for said colored, oriented strand board.

Claim 11 (New): The process of claim 10, wherein said contacting occurs before said wood strands are dried.

Claim 12 (New): The process of claim 10, wherein said contacting occurs after said wood strands are dried.

Claim 13 (New): The process of claim 10, wherein said hot-pressing is conducted at a temperature of from 180 to 230 °C.

Claim 14 (New): The process of claim 10, wherein said wood strands are continually colored by spraying or dipping into a colorant solution or a dispersion.

Claim 15 (New): The process of claim 10, wherein said liquid colorant preparation comprises from 0.5% to 10% by weight of said dye based on said pigment.

Claim 16 (New): The process of claim 10, wherein only one outside layer is colored in said colored, oriented strand board.

Claim 17 (New): The process of claim 10, wherein only both outside layers are colored in said colored, oriented strand board.

Claim 18 (New): The process of claim 10, wherein only said center layer is colored in said colored, oriented strand board.

Claim 19 (New): The process of claim 10, wherein both outside layers and said center layer are colored in said colored, oriented strand board.

Claim 20 (New): The process of claim 10, wherein when at least two layers are colored in said colored, oriented strand board, said layers have different hues.

Claim 21 (New): The process of claim 10, wherein when at least two layers are colored in said colored, oriented strand board, said layers have the same hue.

Claim 22 (New): The process of claim 10, wherein said colorant preparation comprises:

- (a) from 10% to 70% by weight of at least one pigment,
- (b) from 0.05% to 7% by weight of at least one dye,
- (c) from 1 to 50% by weight of at least one dispersant,
- (d) from 10% to 88.95% by weight of water or of a mixture of water and at least one water retainer, and
- (e) from 0% to 5% by weight of further customary constituents for colorant preparations.

Claim 23 (New): The process of claim 22, wherein component (b) comprises at least one anionic or cationic dye.

Claim 24 (New): The process of claim 22, wherein component (c) comprises at least one nonionic surface-active additive, at least one anionic surface-active additive, or a mixture thereof.

Claim 25 (New): The process of claim 22, wherein said water retainer comprises a high-boiling organic solvent which is soluble in or miscible with water.

Claim 26 (New): An oriented strand board colored with a colorant preparation which comprises at least one pigment and, based on the pigment, from 0.5% to 10% by weight of at least one dye.